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Users of Nebraska. In their initial correspondence to me they indicated that they were experiencing increasing problems with people harassing and interfering with service dogs. As I researched this issue, I determined that significant numbers of users of guide dogs who had indeed experienced harassment and harm done to their animals. Accordingly, we created this legislation to provide for a penalty and law for this offense. Those who would engage in this conduct will be subject to a Class III misdemeanor, which can be a maximum three months imprisonment or a \$500 fine or both. This bill also provides for issuance of a tax-free license for every active guide dog. When the dog retires, the license tax must subsequently be paid to the...paid by the owner. I would ask the support of the members of the Legislature and would be glad to answer any questions.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Kiel. Senator Kiel, I do not see any lights on. You'd be recognized to close, if you so desire. Closing is waived. The question, then, is shall LB 814 be advanced? All in favor vote aye. Those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 814.

SPEAKER WITHEM: (LB) 814 advances. Mr. Clerk, LB 119.

CLERK: (LB) 119, by Senator Janssen. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9 of this year, referred to the Health Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. LB 119 deals with access to information regarding investigations of child abuse. The committee amendments replaced the bill, so I will base my comments on the committee amendments. LB 119, as amended, would require that a person or persons with custody of the child be notified if a report is filed alleging that their child has been abused or neglected in an out-of-home setting, and would require that parental access to records regarding